March 28, 1950

The Board of Directors of the Urban League of Essex Co. met on the evening of the above date. Present were the Professional Staff, three guests and the following members: Mr. Francis, Mr. Garner, Mr. McCollum, Mr. Ormond, Mr. Parker, Dr. Parks, Dr. Phillips, Mr. Stern, Mr. Stoute, Mrs. Jennifer.

The meeting opened with Mr. Stern in the chair. Minutes were not read. The treasurer's report showed expenditures 1318.37 with a bank balance of 614.77

Recommendation from Executive Com. that the Urban League of Essex Co. become a member of the Joint Council for Civil Rights which is to become a permanent organization accepted upon motion by Dr. Parks seconded by Mr. Garner.

At this time Dr. Phillips took the chair and Mr. Ormond reported for the building Com., giving estimates of probable expenditures in remodeling and furnishing the new headquarters at 58 Jones St. A reserve of $1000.00 is hoped for. Some furnishings might be donated and thus bring down the estimated figure of $2000.

It was hoped that ~~a letter~~ contact with Mr. Ellenstein might enable the property to become tax free this year.

The Executive Secy called attention to the criteria by which a person or group is chosen for the annual award. Any

recommendation for improvement in procedure should come for next year.

The Civil Rights Commission of Newark and the way its members were appointed were discussed at length. Motion by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Stern that a communication be sent to the Commissioners stating the position of the Urban League of Essex County about the appointment of the Civil Rights Commission. Mr. Garner, Mr. Ormond, Mr. Stoute were appointed to help with this letter which will be signed by the President.

A communication will also be sent to the commissioners who did not get a chance ~~to~~ have their appointees selected.

After brief discussion ~~motion~~ was made by Mr. Garner seconded by Mr. Stoute and carried, that ~~the~~ a copy of the letter sent to the Commissioners be sent at the same time to the press.

The Executive Sec'y reviewed the Bane May Report on Public Welfare in New Jersey. The present N. J. system is out moded and expensive. The Report gives recommendations for improvement and reorganization with a Central clearing house. The main objections to change is found in a political basis. All local League professional staff members feel that the simplification of procedure resulting from reorganization

would cause more effective work.
Motion by Mr. Garner seconded and carrie[redacted]d that on the basis of the recommendation of [redacted] the staff that the Board of Directors go on re[redacted]cord as approving the principles and recom[redacted]men-dations contained in the Bane-May [redacted] Report, This action to be given publicity.

The meeting was closed with Mr. Ste[redacted]n in the chair.

Attention was called to Senate Bi[redacted]lls 178-185 on discrimination. After brie[redacted] discussion motion was made by Dr. [redacted]arks seconded by Mrs. Armond and carried [redacted] that the Board of Directors go on record as fa[redacted]voring the passage of these bills and the action [redacted] be made public.

As regards attendance at the Region[redacted]al Conference motion was made by Dr. Parks sec[redacted]nded by Mr. Parker that the entire staff attend [redacted]oth days.

There being no further business, th[redacted] meeting was adjourned.

U. M. Jennifer, Secy